Figure 1

① 入力機器

③ 入力画像メモリ

④ 二値化処理部

⑤ 多値画像

⑥ 方向検出 ／ 重なり位置検出

⑦ 補正処理部

⑧ 出力画像

画像処理装置
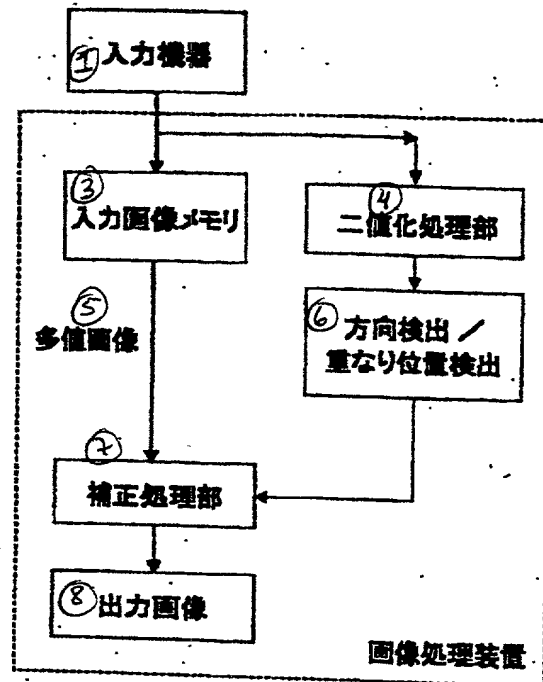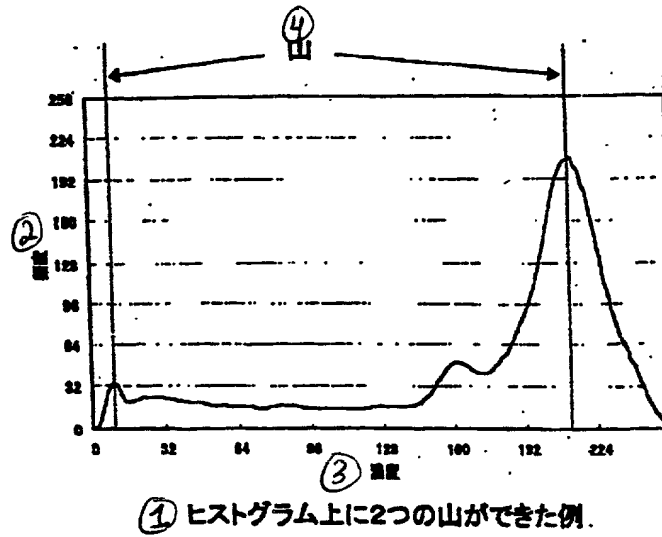
[(1): Input machine; (2): Image processing device; (3): Input image memory; (4): Binarization unit;
(5): Multivalent image; (6): Direction detection/overlap position detection; (7): Calibration unit;
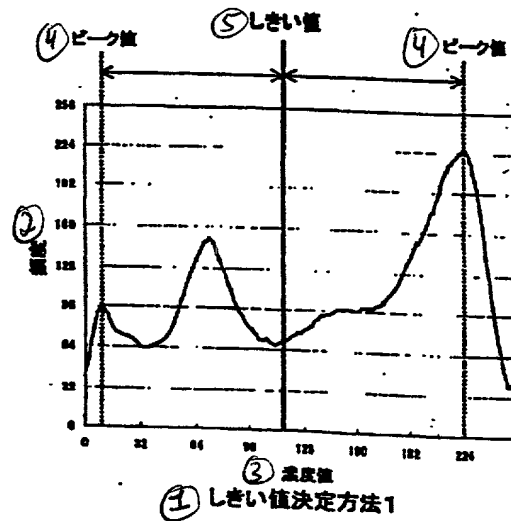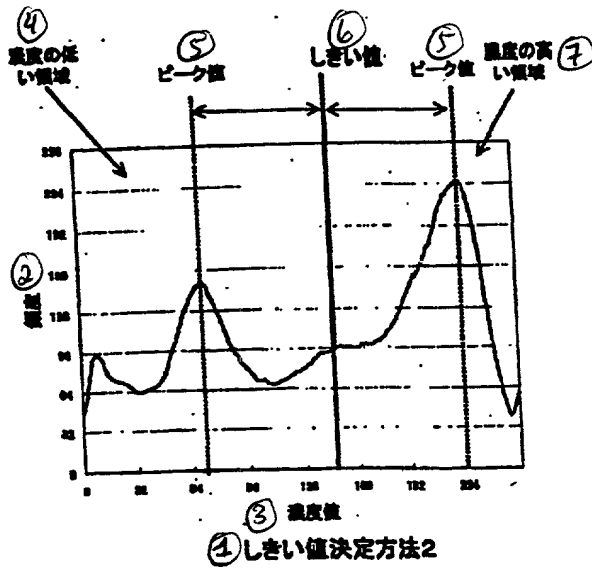(8): Output image]

Character

Figure 2

④ 山

② 頻度

③ 濃度

① ヒストグラム上に2つの山ができた例.

[(1): Case where two peaks have arisen on a histogram; (2): Frequency; (3): Density; (4): Peak]
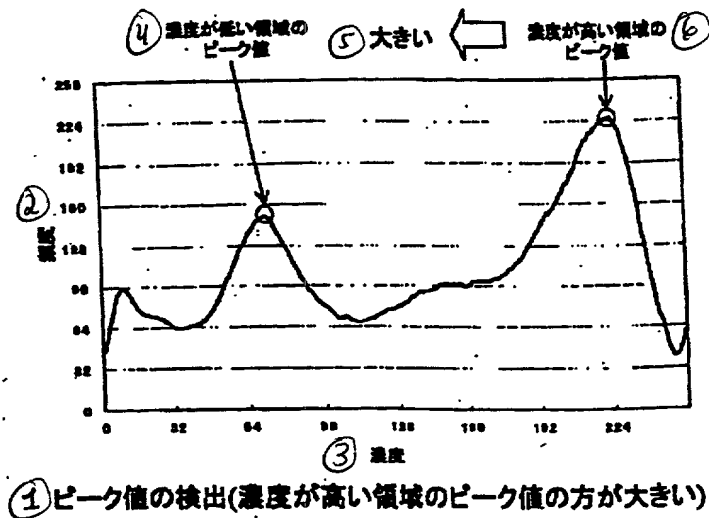
Figure 3

④ ピーク値　⑤ しきい値　④ ピーク値

② 頻度

③ 濃度値

① しきい値決定方法1

[(1): Threshold value determination method 1; (2): Frequency; (3): Density; (4): Peak value; (5): Threshold value]

Figure 4

④ 濃度の低い領域 ⑤ ピーク値 ⑥ しきい値 ⑤ ピーク値 ⑦ 濃度の高い領域

② 頻度

③ 濃度値

① しきい値決定方法2

[(1): Threshold value determination method 2; (2): Frequency; (3): Density; (4): Low-density region; (5): Peak value; (6): Threshold value; (7): High-density region]

Figure 5

④ 濃度が低い領域のピーク値 ⑤ 大きい ⑥ 濃度が高い領域のピーク値

② 頻度

③ 濃度

① ピーク値の検出(濃度が高い領域のピーク値の方が大きい)

[(1): Peak value detection (higher peak value in the high-density region); (2): Frequency; (3): Density; (4): Low-density region peak value; (5): Higher; (6): High-density region peak value]

Figure 6

④ 濃度が低い領域の
ピーク値

⑥ 濃度が高い領域の
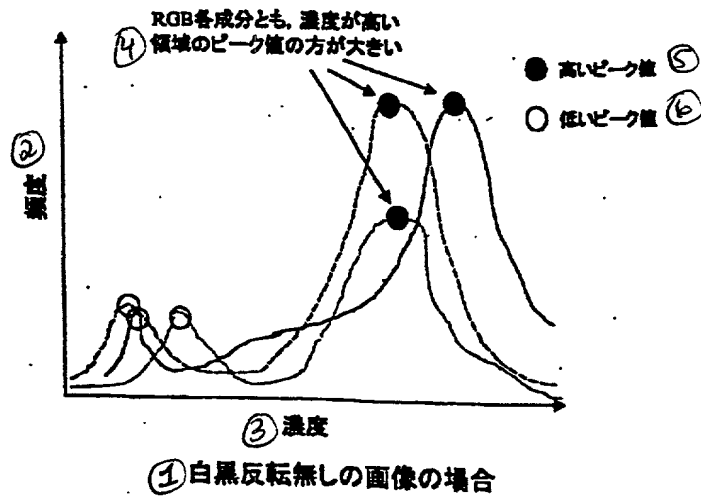ピーク値

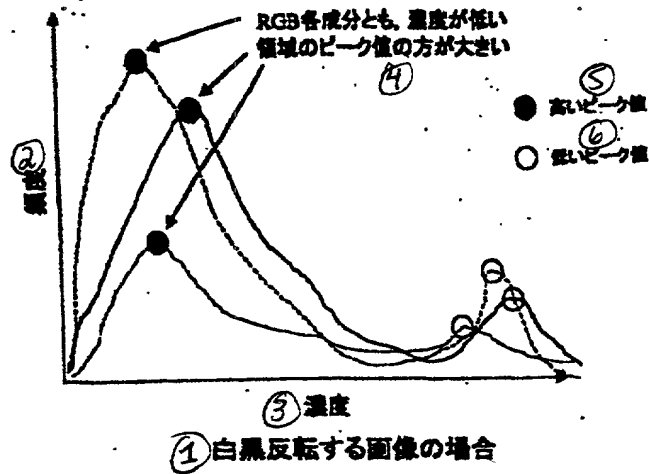② 頻度

大きい ⑤

③ 濃度

① ピーク値の検出(濃度が低い領域のピーク値の方が大きい)
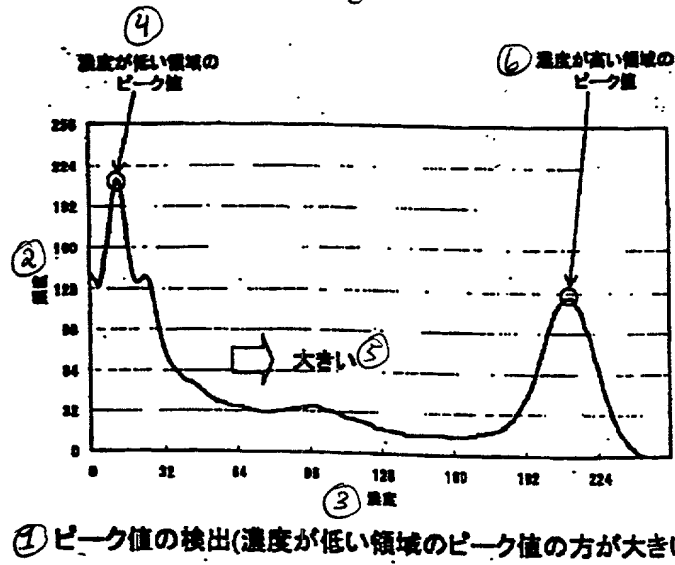
[(1): Peak value detection (higher peak value in the low-density region); (2): Frequency; (3): Density; (4): Low-density region peak value; (5): Higher; (6): High-density region peak value]

Figure 7

RGB各成分とも、濃度が高い
④ 領域のピーク値の方が大きい

● 高いピーク値 ⑤
○ 低いピーク値 ⑥

② 頻度

③ 濃度

① 白黒反転無しの画像の場合

[(1): Case of non-white/black-permutated image; (2): Frequency; (3): Density; (4): Higher peak values in the high-density region with regard to all components R, G, and B; (5): High peak value; (6): Low peak value]

Figure 8

RGB各成分とも，濃度が低い
領域のピーク値の方が大きい
④

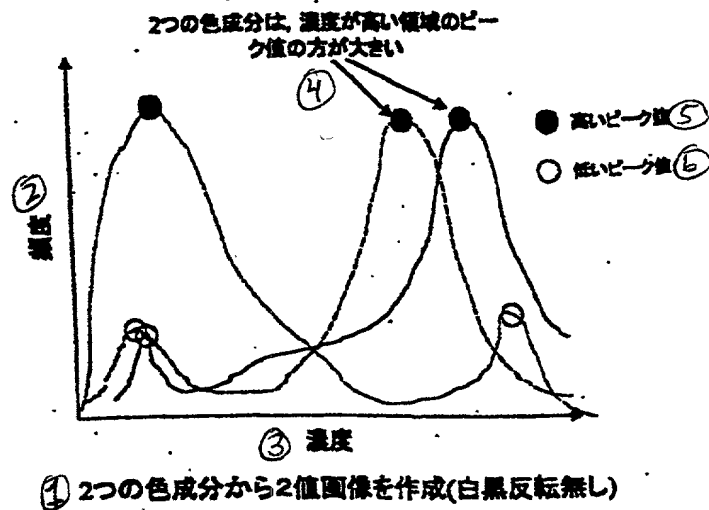⑤ ● 高いピーク値

⑥ ○ 低いピーク値

②濃度

③濃度

①白黒反転する画像の場合

[(1): Case of non-white/black-permutated image; (2): Frequency; (3): Density; (4): Higher peak values in the high-density region with regard to all components R, G, and B; (5): High peak value; (6): Low peak value]

Figure 9

2つの色成分は，濃度が高い領域のピー
ク値の方が大きい
④

● 高いピーク値⑤

○ 低いピーク値⑥

②濃度

③ 濃度

① 2つの色成分から2値画像を作成(白黒反転無し)

[(1): Preparation of binary image from two color components (white/black permutation absent); (2): Frequency; (3): Density; (4): Higher peak values in the high-density region with regard to two color components; (5): High peak value; (6): Low peak value]

Figure 10

2つの色成分は、濃度が低い領域のピーク値の方が大きい ④

● 高いピーク値 ⑤
○ 低いピーク値 ⑥

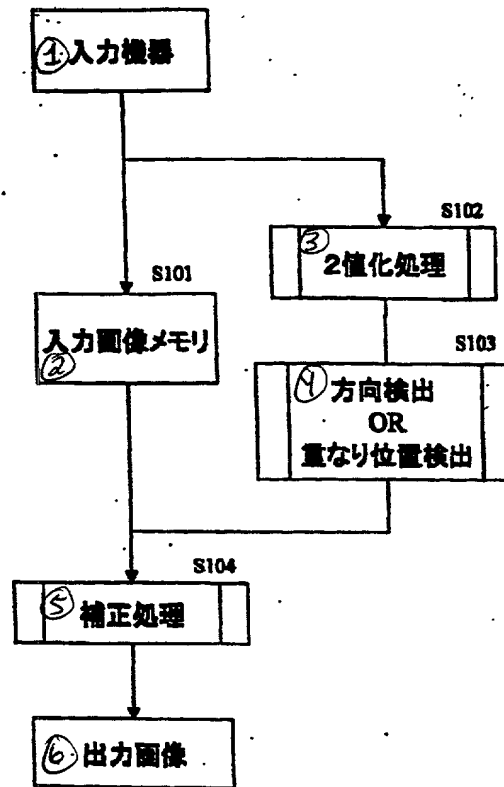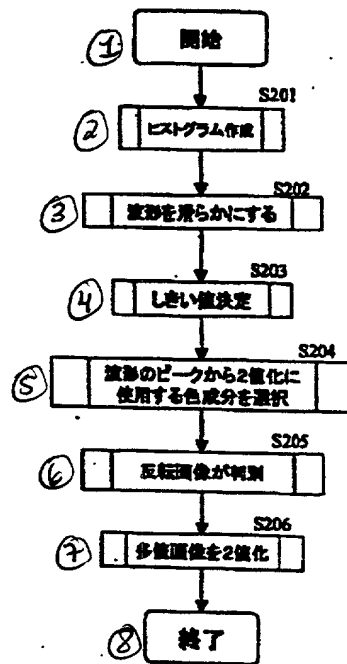② 頻度

③ 濃度

① 2つの色成分から2値画像を作成(白黒反転)
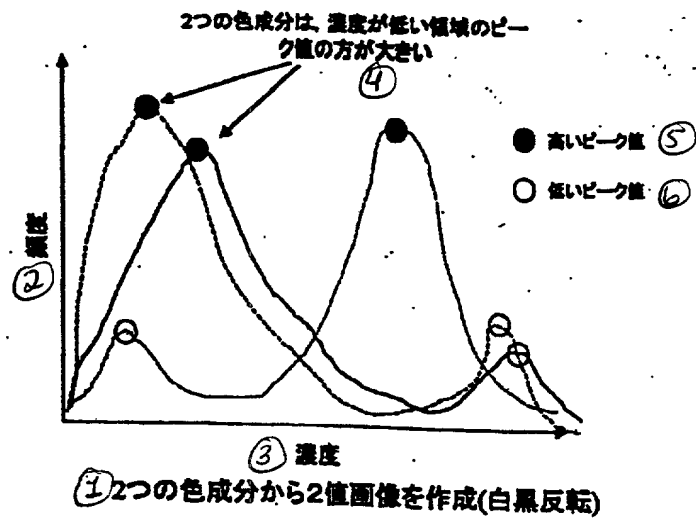
[(1): Preparation of binary image from two color components (white/black permutation present); (2): Frequency; (3): Density; (4): Higher peak values in the low-density region with regard to two color components; (5): High peak value; (6): Low peak value]

Figure 11

[(1): Input machine; (2): Input image memory; (3): Binarization routine; (4): Direction detection or overlap position detection; (5): Calibration routine; (6): Output image]
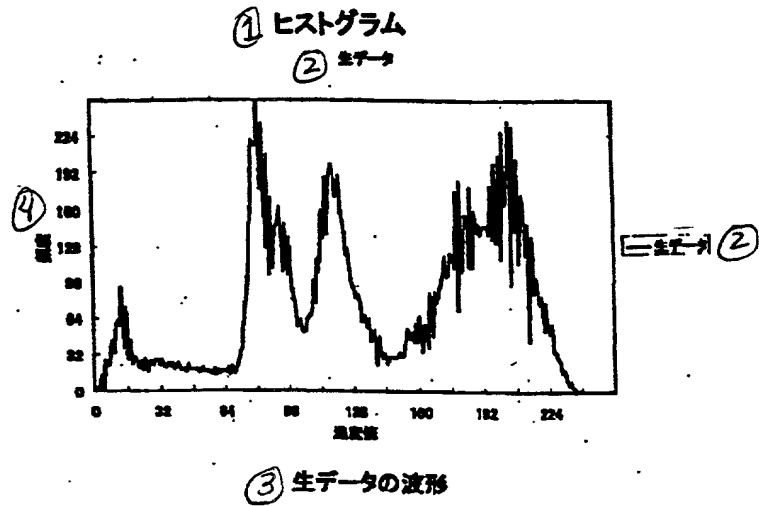
Figure 12

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   ①  [      開始      ]
                  │
                  ▼                    S201
   ②  [  ヒストグラム作成  ]
                  │
                  ▼                    S202
   ③  [  波形を滑らかにする  ]
                  │
                  ▼                    S203
   ④  [   しきい値決定   ]
                  │
                  ▼                    S204
   ⑤  [ 波形のピークから2値化に
         使用する色成分を選択 ]
                  │
                  ▼                    S205
   ⑥  [   反転画像が判別   ]
                  │
                  ▼                    S206
   ⑦  [  多値画像を2値化  ]
                  │
                  ▼
   ⑧  [      終了      ]
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[(1): Begin; (2): Histogram preparation; (3): Wave shape flattening; (4): Threshold value determination; (5): Selection of a color component to be used for binarization based on the wave peak; (6): Judgment of image permutation; (7): Binarization of multivalent image; (8): End]
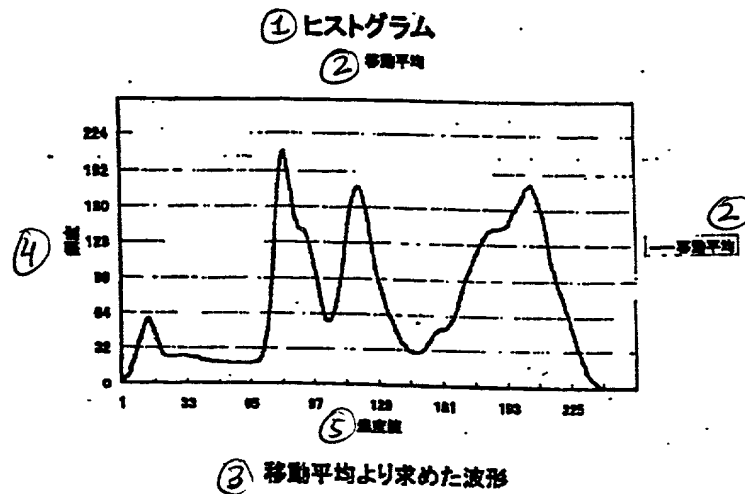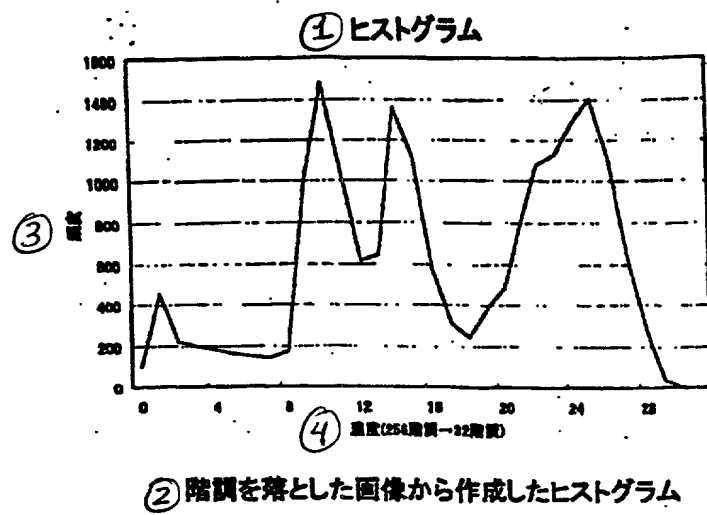
Figure 13

① ヒストグラム
② 生データ
④ 頻度
③ 生データの波形
② 生データ

[(1): Histogram; (2): Raw data; (3): Density value; (4): Frequency]

Figure 14

① ヒストグラム
② 移動平均
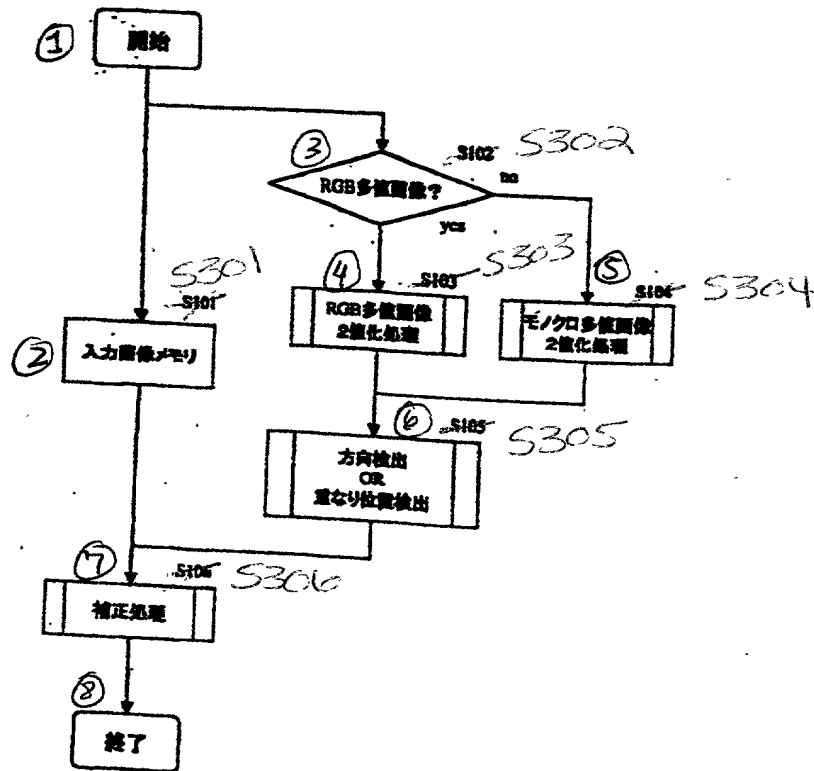④ 頻度
⑤ 濃度値
③ 移動平均より求めた波形
② 移動平均

[(1): Histogram; (2): Mobile average; (3): Wave shape calculated based on the mobile average; (4): Frequency]

Figure 15

[(1): Histogram; (2): Histogram prepared from a tone-downgraded image; (3): Frequency; (4): Density (256th tone -> 32nd tone)]
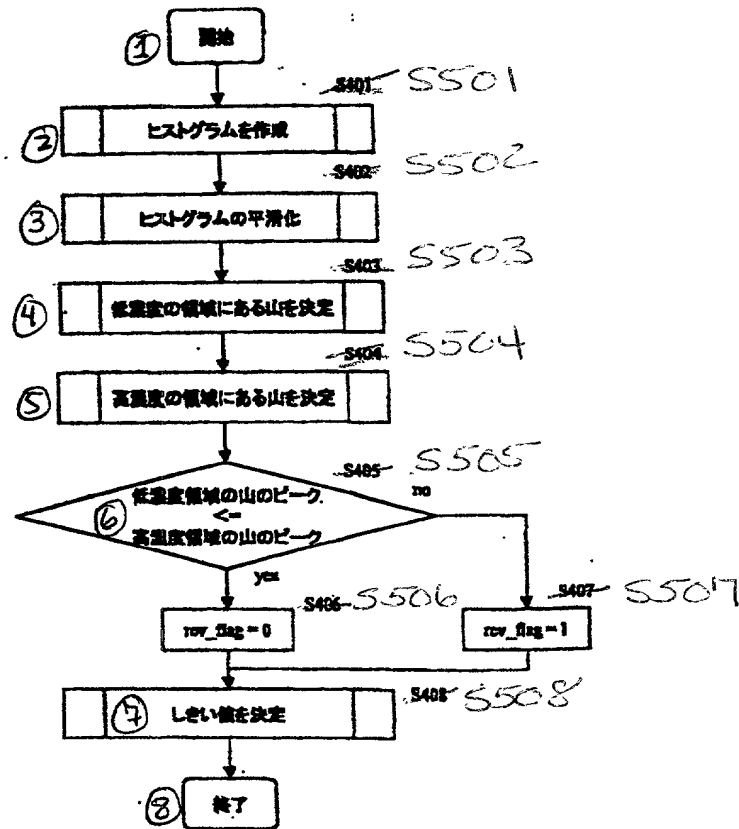
Figure 16

[(1): Begin; (2): Input image memory; (3): RGB multivalent image?; (4): RGB multivalent image binarization routine; (5): Monochrome multivalent image binarization routine; (6): Direction detection or overlap position detection; (7): Calibration routine; (8): End]
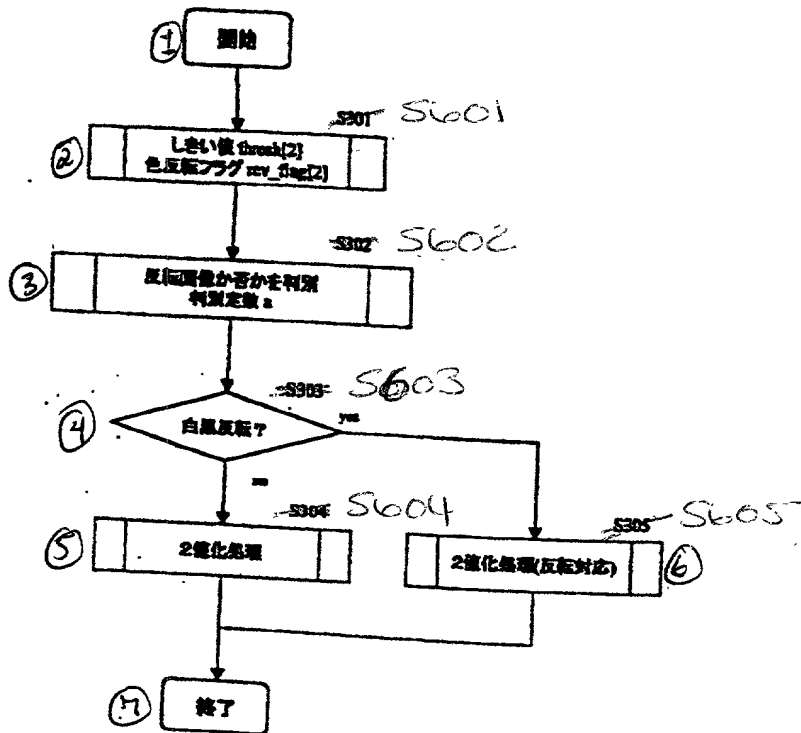
Figure 17
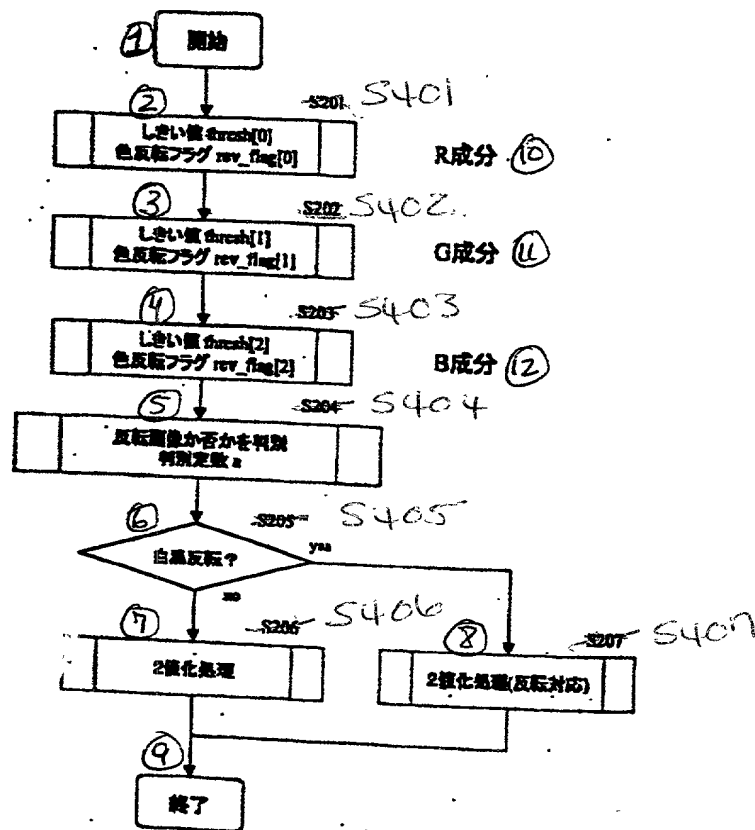
[(1): Begin; (2): Threshold value thresh [0] and color permutation flag rev flag [0]; (3): Threshold value thresh [1] and color permutation flag rev flag [1]; (4): Threshold value thresh [2] and color permutation flag rev flag [2]; (5): Judgment of image permutation or lack thereof, judgment constant a; (6): White/black permutation?; (7): Binarization routine; (8): Binarization routine (in response to permutation); (9): End; (10): Component R; (11): Component G; (12): Component B]

Figure 18

[(1): Begin; (2): Histogram preparation; (3): Histogram flattening; (4): Selection of a low-density region peak; (5): Selection of a high-density region peak; (6): Low-density region peak high-density region peak ; (7): Threshold value determination; (8): End]
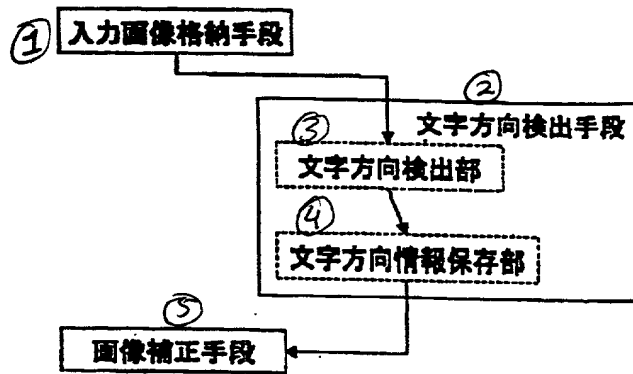
Figure 19

[(1): Begin; (2): Threshold value thresh [2] and color permutation flag rev flag [2]; (3): Judgment of image permutation or lack thereof, judgment constant a; (4): White/black permutation?; (5): Binarization routine; (6): Binarization routine (in response to permutation); (7): End]

Figure 20
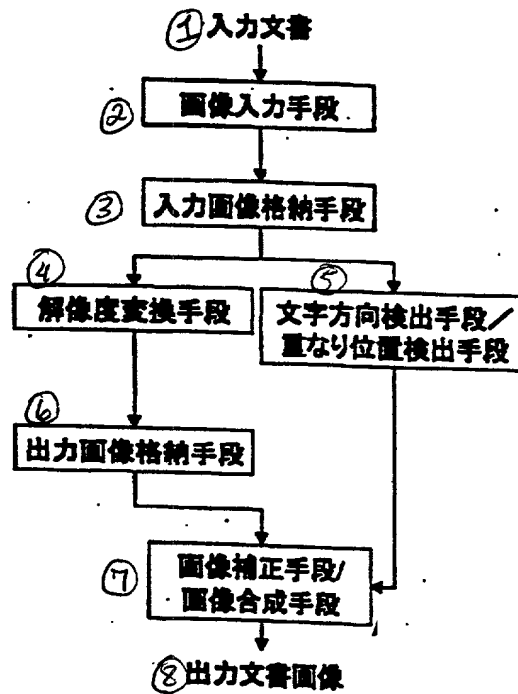
[(1): Input document; (2): Image input mechanism; (3): Input image storage mechanism; (4): Resolution conversion mechanism; (5): Character direction detection mechanism/overlap position detection mechanism; (6): Output image storage mechanism; (7): Image calibration mechanism/image synthesis mechanism; (8): Output document image]
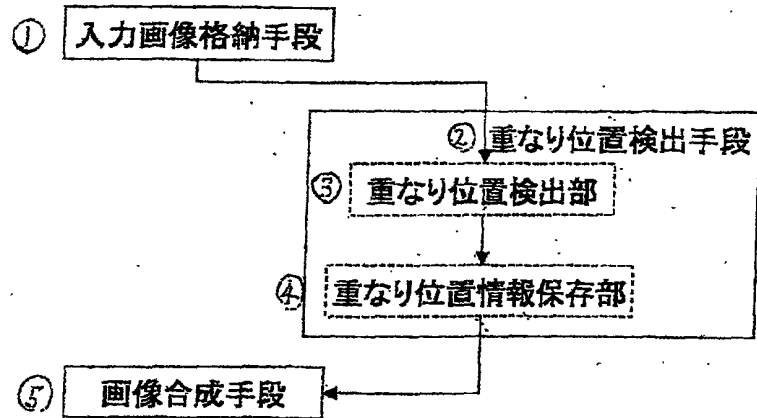
Figure 21

入力画像格納手段 ①

② 文字方向検出手段
③ 文字方向検出部
④ 文字方向情報保存部

⑤ 画像補正手段

[(1): Input image storage mechanism; (2): Character direction detection mechanism; (3): Character direction detection unit; (4): Character direction information storage unit; (5): Image calibration mechanism]
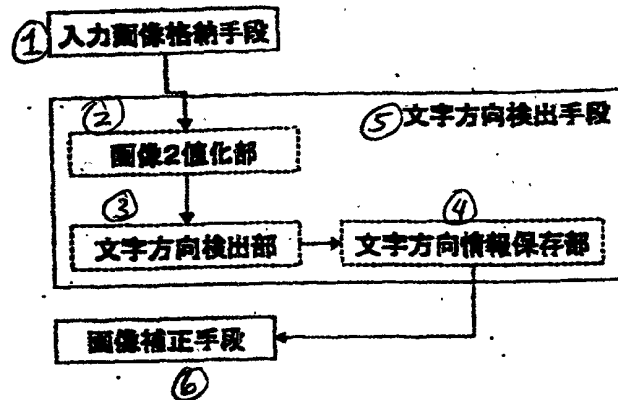
Figure 22

① 入力画像格納手段

②重なり位置検出手段
③ 重なり位置検出部
④ 重なり位置情報保存部

⑤ 画像合成手段

(1): Input image storage mechanism ;
(2): Overlap position detection mechanism ;
(3): Overlap position detection unit ;
(4): Overlap position information storage unit ;
(5): Image synthesis mechanism

Figure 23

① 入力画像格納手段

② ⑤文字方向検出手段
画像2値化部
③ ④
文字方向検出部 → 文字方向情報保存部

画像補正手段
⑥

[(1): Input image storage mechanism; (2): Image binarization unit; (3): Character direction detection unit; (4): Character direction information storage unit; (5): Character direction detection mechanism; (6): Image calibration mechanism]
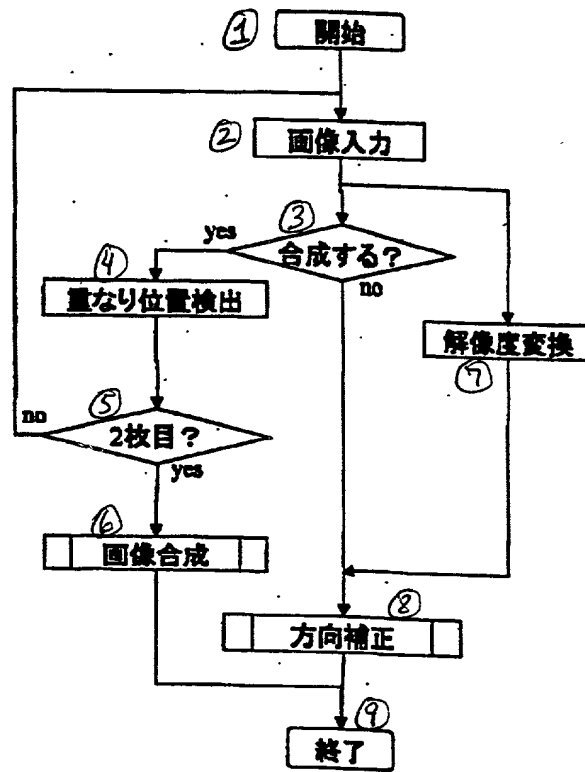
Figure 24
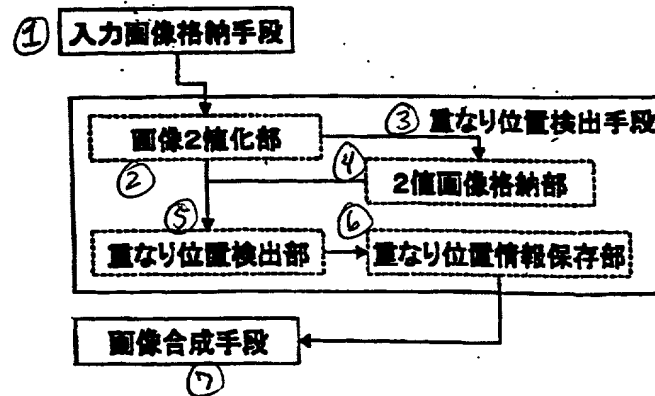
[(0): Input image storage mechanism; (2): Image binarization unit; (3): Overlap position detection mechanism; (4): Binary image storage unit; (5): Overlap position detection unit; (6): Overlap position information storage unit; (7): Image synthesis mechanism]
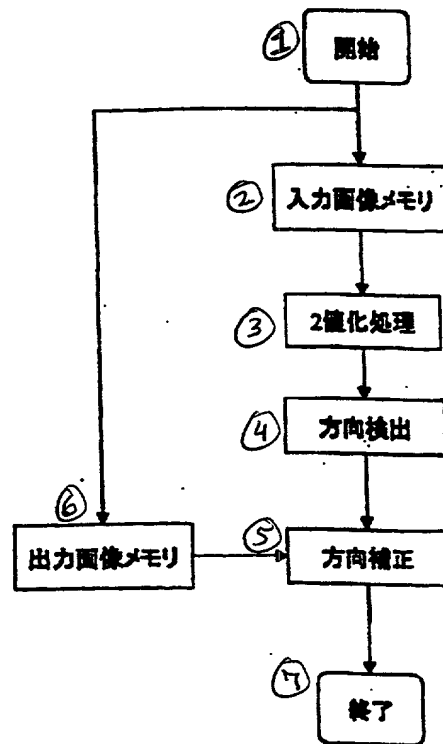
Figure 25
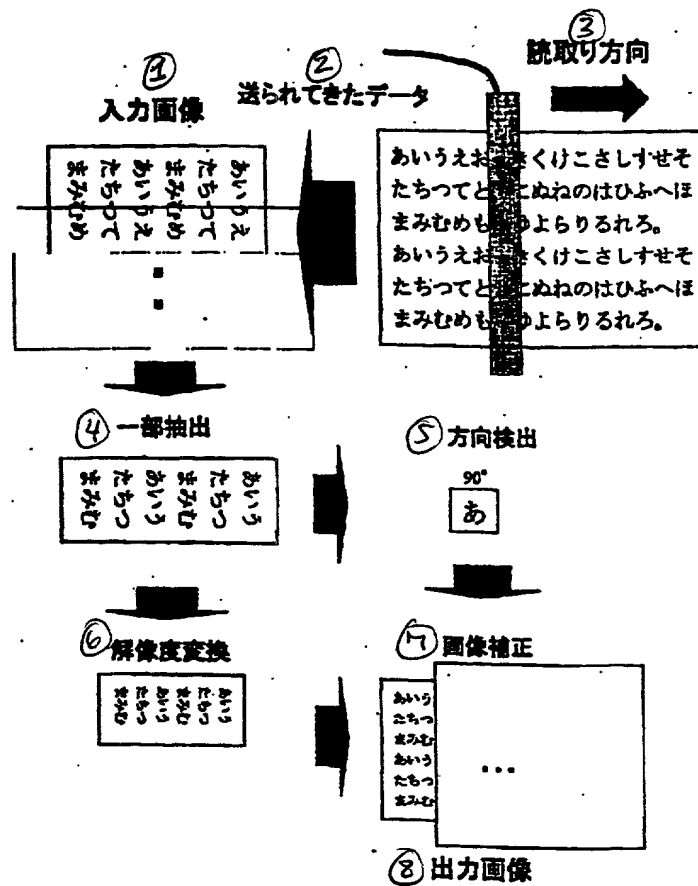
[(0): Input image; (2): Transferred data; (3): Decoding direction; (4): Partial extraction; (5): Direction detection; (6): Resolution conversion; (7): Image calibration; (8): Output image]
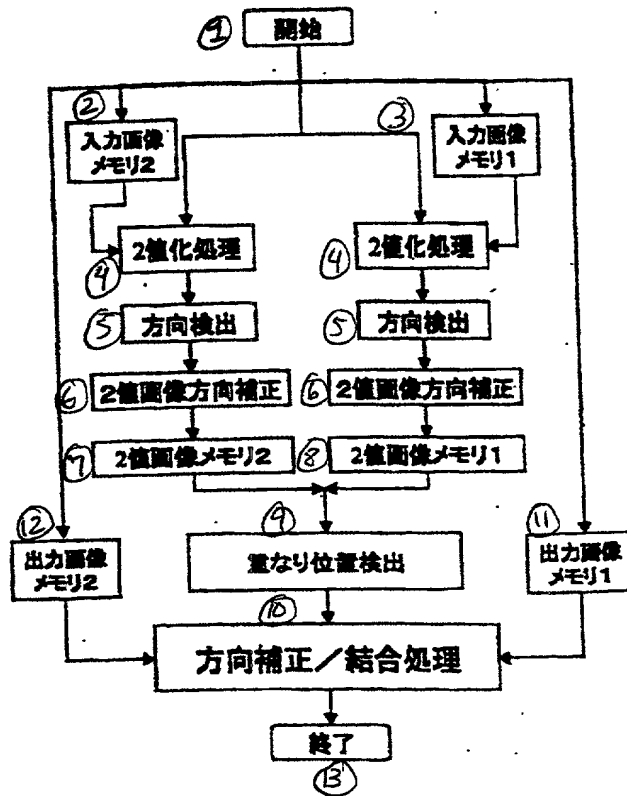
Figure 26

[(1): Begin; (2): Image input; (3): Synthesis?; (4): Overlap position detection; (5): Second?; (6): Image synthesis; (7): Resolution conversion; (8): Direction calibration; (9): End]
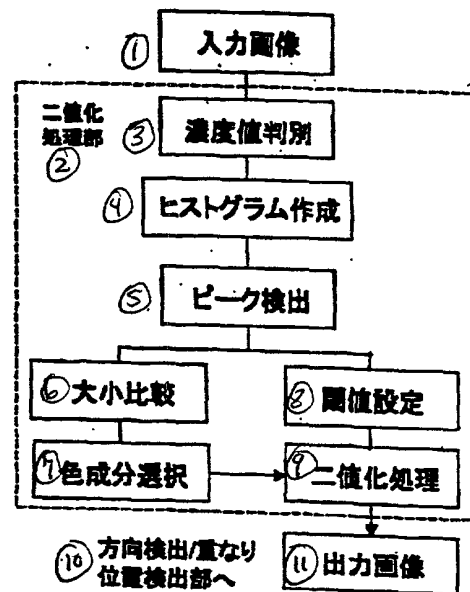
Figure 27

[(1): Begin; (2): Input image memory; (3): Binarization routine; (4): Direction detection; (5): Direction calibration; (6): Output image memory; (7): End]

Figure 28

[(1): Begin; (2): Input image memory 2; (3): Input image memory 1; (4): Binarization routine; (5): Direction detection; (6): Binarized image direction calibration; (7): Binarized image memory 2; (8): Binarized image memory 1; (9): Overlap position detection; (10): Direction calibration/synthesizing routine; (11): Output image memory 1; (12): Output image memory 2; (13): End]

Figure 29

① 入力画像

二値化
処理部
② ③ 濃度値判別

④ ヒストグラム作成

⑤ ピーク検出

⑥ 大小比較   ⑧ 閾値設定

⑦ 色成分選択 → ⑨ 二値化処理

⑩ 方向検出/重なり
位置検出部へ   ⑪ 出力画像

[(1): Input image; (2): Binarization unit; (3): Density value judgment; (4): Histogram preparation; (5): Peak detection; (6): Hierarchical comparison; (7): Color component selection; (8): Threshold value designation; (9): Binarization routine; (10): To direction detection/overlap position detection unit; (11): Output image]